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Indiana Small Grain Summary

Winter wheat producers experienced near ideal growing conditions and record high yields in 2016, according Greg Matli, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office.

Wheat yield, at 81 bushels per acre, was a state record and up 13 bushels from 2015. Producers harvested 280,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from last year. The increase in harvested acres combined with record high yields led to a 28 percent increase in production at 22.7 million bushels. Winter wheat planting finished in early November, with the crop emerging ahead of schedule compared to average. The crop had little snow cover throughout the winter months, though temperatures were mostly mild resulting in few damages. The crop broke dormancy far ahead of schedule due to above average spring temperatures.

The crop grew quickly and remained ahead of schedule throughout the summer, with overall crop conditions holding steady from warm, mild weather. Abnormally dry weather conditions accelerated the dry down process of the crop allowing farmers to get a head start on harvest, which finished ahead of schedule in mid-July. The dry spell that swept through the State in June kept disease pressures down, giving a good quality crop.

U.S. winter wheat production for 2016 totaled 1.67 billion bushels, up 22 percent from the revised 2015 total of 1.37 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 55.3 bushels per acre, is up 12.8 bushels from 2015 and represents a new record high. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 30.2 million acres, down 7 percent from the previous year. Record high yields are estimated in Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin for 2016.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Indiana and United States: 2014 - 2016

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Oats ¹						
Planted 1,000 acres	20	15	(NA)	2,753	3,088	2,828
Harvested 1,000 acres	10	5	(NA)	1,035	1,276	981
Yield Bushels	74.0	59.0	(NA)	67.9	70.2	66.0
Production 1,000 bu	740	295	(NA)	70,232	89,535	64,770
Wheat, winter						
Planted 1,000 acres	390	290	330	42,409	39,681	36,137
Harvested 1,000 acres	335	260	280	32,299	32,346	30,222
Yield Bushels	76.0	68.0	81.0	42.6	42.5	55.3
Production 1,000 bu	25,460	17,680	22,680	1,377,216	1,374,690	1,671,532

(NA) Not available.

¹Estimates discontinued in 2016.

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